

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT  
PLANNERS AND TRACK INSPECTOR**

May 10 to June 21

**PLANNERS**

Lou Jannazo  
Don Damron  
Bev Lee

**TRACK INSPECTOR**

Dave Reid

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- \* Helped prepare agendas and briefing packets for July 8, 2004 meeting.
- \* Continued inspections of C&OR maintenance work required by ORDC - C&OR Operating Agreement.

**TRAINING**

- \* Lou completed first chapters 6 and 7 of rail track correspondence course.

**FREIGHT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

***New Project Development***

- \* Checking out proposed new loan project on NOW RR Tiffin to Woodville line.
- \* Working with NS and local officials and potential rail users on re-energizing efforts to develop a truck-rail transload in Meigs County.
- \* Developed Request For Proposal and scoring system for appraisal work on the Piney Fork line.

***Continued Project Development - Approved Projects/Projects With Preliminary Commitments***

- \* Developed detailed application to FRA to use all remaining federal funds in ORDC federal account (recycled funds from old projects, not new FRA money) for RJC St. Marys Line rehabilitation project.
- \* Continued work and investigations into various new spur project proposals including Cleveland Growers and Northern Ohio Lumber.
- \* Helped with continuing oversight on Panhandle appraisal and appraisal review.
- \* Conducted second meeting of group of local officials, rail users, the Maumee & Western Railroad (MAW) and others to get together to develop feasibility study/benefit cost analysis for purpose of raising money to rehabilitate the line.
- \* Continued working with the Ohio Central, Governor's Regional Representative in Youngstown, the City of Youngstown, and the Ohio Central to find public and private funds to repair key bridge over Mahoning River needed to effectively serve Genmak, the Ohio Works Industrial Park, and shippers on the Ohio Central's Y&A Railroad.
- \* Continued getting lease, operation agreement, and shipper funding agreements in line for ORDC lease of Grand River rail line from CSX.

### ***Continued Project Inspections***

- \* Continued field inspections on all ongoing projects including Y&S/CCPA rehabilitation, WESTCO Urbana bridge and track projects, Lorain & Canton Republic Steel projects, the RJC Chippewa Creek bridge replacement, the Greenfield line rehabilitation, the Y&A line rehabilitation and others.
- \* Continued monitoring of various track issues on the Ohio Southern, Ohio Central, and the Panhandle.

## **PASSENGER PLANNING**

### ***Cleveland Hub***

- \* Continued work and coordination with other states and railroads on Cleveland Hub Study.
- \* Continued *very extensive and detailed work of* review and re-drafting final report of Cleveland Hub Study report; got draft report out to state partners.
- \* Developed new Power Point presentation for latest findings of Cleveland Hub Study.

### ***Other Passenger Initiatives***

- \* Working to develop an "Endangered Rail Infrastructure" list of lines, yards, connections, station locations or other rail infrastructure which could be needed for future High Speed Rail trains but which might be lost for various reasons.
- \* Reviewed latest Midwest Regional Rail draft report.
- \* Continued coordination with COTA on new Central Ohio Freight Movements study which will show how freight capacity can be enhanced as a result of the COTA North Corridor light rail project.
- \* Continued coordination with the MWRRI study effort.
- \* Attended meetings or otherwise kept abreast of passenger issues in across Ohio and nationally through participation in the States for Passenger Rail.

## **OTHER PLANNING INITIATIVES**

- \* Working with Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri DOT's, as well as Indiana short lines on alternatives to CSX' proposed Exemption abandonment of one segment of the CSX St. Louis to Cincinnati mainline.
- \* Helped to finalize new rail map.
- \* Attended AASHTO Standing Committee on **Highway** Transportation meeting in Cleveland as Standing Committee on **Railroad** Transportation representative; gave presentation on Freight Rail Bottom Line Report, passenger rail initiatives and the multi-modal/intermodal corridor approach to transportation.

## **SAFETY**

- \* Developed draft proposal for new "Stop Gate" arrester system Demonstration Project using earmarked federal funds. Stop Gate can be used at grade crossings to actually stop a two ton truck going 45 mph with a reinforced steel gating system.